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PREPARED TO START NORTH

The Alaskan Cannery Fleet Will Probably Sail From Astoria This Morning.

LARGE FORCE OF MEN TO GO

Three Vessels Take Cargoes Valued at More Than \$163,000—Other Maritime Happenings of Interest.

The Alaska cannery fleet will doubtless get to sea today, the time originally fixed for sailing. The C. F. Sargent and Berlin have been in the lower harbor for 36 hours, but did not get out. All of the men have been signed on, cargoes loaded and at the convenience of the tugs the fleet will depart.

The three vessels will carry north between 450 and 500 men. The human cargoes consist of fishermen and cannery workers. This season all of the Alaska canneries will be on an equal footing, the local union having consented to the San Francisco arrangement with the packers. The Alaska Packers' Association will therefore enjoy no advantage over the Astoria and Portland concerns.

Yesterday the manifest of the bark Harry Morse was filed at the customs house. The Morse was the last of the vessels to clear. The cargoes are listed as being of the following values:

Harry Morse	\$ 40,620 90
Berlin	59,809 36
C. F. Sargent	62,781 56

Total \$163,211 82

The entire cargoes of the Berlin and the Morse were taken on at Astoria, while a portion of the Sargent's cargo was loaded here. The fleet disbursed a large sum among local merchants, and the purchases of the men going north amounted to considerable more. The North Star and North King, cannery tenders, are yet to be heard from, but probably will not get away today.

All of the Alaskan vessels take lumber. The Sargent has on board 90,000 feet, the Harry Morse 109,879 feet and the Berlin 25,731 feet. Each of the ships takes about 300 tons of coal. The manifests are long ones and show that the men going north will be well cared for in the matter of provisions. chinese

San Francisco, April 15.—The Alaska Commercial and other packing and fishing companies have been losers to the extent of several thousand dollars by the escaping of 150 Chinese engaged to go to Alaska for the fishing season. Each of the escaped men was paid from \$50 to \$150 advance money to engage him for the season.

Chin Jim, of the Chinese Educational Society, who does most of the advance business for the Alaska companies, has posted signs bearing offers of reward aggregating \$3,000. Chin Jim has engaged several hundred Chinese to go to Alaska for the coming season. The Chinese have not applied to the local police for aid. The six companies have taken up the matter and they have sent out their retainers to round up the runaway fishermen.

Lumber Exports Improving.

The indications are that April will make a very favorable showing in the matter of lumber shipments. March fell down badly, but the present month has been a lively one for the lumber dealers. Yesterday's clearances aggregated more than a million and a half feet as follows:

Mable Gale	850,000
W. F. Witzemann	480,000
Harry Morse	109,879

C. F. Sargent	90,000
Berlin	25,731
Total	1,555,610

MARINE NOTES.

The Gerald C., which arrived from Nehalem on Thursday, brought 712 cases of salmon for S. Elmore.

The oil tank Rosecrans departed yesterday for San Francisco. She unloaded at Astoria 100 barrels of distillate for S. Elmore.

The French bark Armen cleared yesterday for the United Kingdom. She takes 111,125 bushels of barley, worth \$62,674.39, and 22,399 bushels of wheat, valued at \$16,471.

The schooner Witzemann, with a lumber cargo for San Francisco, clears from the Hume mill. The Mable Gale, with another lumber cargo, also goes to San Francisco.

The oil tank steamer Whittier arrived yesterday from San Francisco. She brought 7000 barrels of distillate, 3000 gallons of crude oil, 25 tons of asphaltum and one drum of distillate.

The bark Hesper and schooner W. H. Talbot were towed up the river yesterday morning. The Hesper is to load at Portland, and not at the Hume mill, as was stated in these columns.

The Aurelia left up the river yesterday for Portland. She had 1,357 packages of merchandise for Astoria, and for Portland 275 tons of cement and 2031 packages of freight. When she arrived Thursday evening her master was notified that he would be compelled to pay the union overtime scale of 75 cents to longshoremen for unloading the local freight, so he waited until morning to begin the work, thereby availing himself of the straight scale, 50 cents.

TRAFFIC IS STOPPED.

Destruction of Bridge Across Liao River Delays Arrival of Train.

New York, April 15.—The train from Port Arthur did not arrive here yesterday, says a Herald dispatch from Yin Kow, under date of Thursday. The stoppage of traffic is due to the destruction of a bridge.

Yin Kow is the port of Niu Chwang and the severance of the Port Arthur railroad would be significant. As the Manchurian railroad enters the Liao Tung Peninsula there is an important bridge over the Liao river. There are numerous other bridges and culverts over the line running down to Dalny and Port Arthur. In some places the line runs close to the shore, where the Japanese might easily land parties or injure the line with long distance firing.

Bankers in Session.

New York, April 14.—The annual spring meeting of the executive council of the American Bankers' Association will be held here April 27 and 28. Several pending financial questions which came before the the association at its last session at San Francisco, the date and place for holding the next convention and matters of other importance connected with the association will be discussed. About 60 members from various cities will be present.

CLAIMS DISCOVERY.

Prague Professor Opposes Claim of A North Carolina Man.

New York, April 15.—Professor Bauner, of Prague, has asserted himself as the discoverer of the two natural elements found in thorium, says a Berlin dispatch to the Staats Zeitung. He thus opposes the claim to the title made by Professor Barkerville, of the University of North Carolina, in an address a few days ago before a scientific meeting in New York.

Professor Bauner declares that in 1897 he announced the same thing before a mass meeting in Toronto, Ont., of the British association for the advancement of science.

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